Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. Claims 1, 4-6, 9-10, 16, 17, and 22 have been amended.

1.   (Currently Amended) A method, comprising:

receiving data in a presentation buffer of a presentation controller, wherein the

data in the presentation buffer is in a properly formatted form to be

displayed on a display device;

receiving a request from a requestor to read the data in the presentation buffer;

deleting ~~the~~protected data from the presentation buffer in response to the

request; and

not delivering the protected data to the requestor in response to the request.

2.   (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the presentation controller is a graphics controller and the presentation buffer is a frame buffer.

3.   (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein receiving data includes placing the presentation controller in a security mode.

4.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein deleting ~~the~~protected data includes taking the presentation controller out of a security mode.

5.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein not delivering the

protected data includes delivering data other than the protected data requested.

6.   (Currently Amended) A machine-readable medium having stored thereon

instructions, which when executed by at least one processor cause ~~said at least one~~

~~processor~~ a machine to perform the following operations, comprising:

>   receiving data in a presentation buffer of a presentation controller, wherein the

>>   data in the presentation buffer is in a properly formatted form to be

>>   displayed on a display device;

>   receiving a request from a requestor to read the data in the presentation buffer;

>   deleting ~~the~~protected data from the presentation buffer in response to the

>>   request; and

>   not delivering the protected data to the requestor in response to the request.

7.   (Original) The medium of claim 6, wherein the presentation controller is a

graphics controller and the presentation buffer is a frame buffer.

8.   (Original) The medium of claim 6, wherein receiving data includes placing the

presentation controller in a security mode.

9.   (Currently Amended) The medium of claim 6, wherein deleting ~~the~~protected data

includes taking the presentation controller out of a security mode.

10.   (Currently Amended) The medium of claim 6, wherein not delivering the

protected data includes delivering data other than the protected data requested.

11.   (Currently Amended) An apparatus, comprising:

    a presentation controller having:

        a presentation buffer;

        a command handler to process commands and addresses;

        a data handler coupled to the presentation buffer to monitor data and to

            pass at least a part of the monitored data to the presentation buffer;

        a security violation detector to detect a request by a requestor to read

            protected data in the presentation buffer; and

        a data protector coupled to the data handler to prevent providing the

            protected data to the requestor, wherein the presentation buffer to

            supply the at least a part of the monitored data in a properly

            formatted form to be displayed to a display device.

12.   (Original) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein the data protector is further to

purge the protected data from the presentation buffer upon detection of the request to

read protected data.

13.   (Original) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein the presentation controller is a

graphics controller and the presentation buffer is a frame buffer.

14.   (Original) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein the presentation controller

includes a by-pass mode that does not prevent providing the protected data to the

requestor.

15.   (Original) The apparatus of claim 14, wherein the data protector:

    is to purge the protected data from the presentation buffer upon detection of the

        request to read protected data; and

    is to place the presentation controller in the by-pass mode after said purge.

16.   (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein the data protector is to

deliver data other than the <u>protected</u> data requested.

17.   (Currently Amended) A system, comprising:

    a presentation circuit including:

        an input interface to receive data;

        an output port to transmit data <u>in a properly formatted form to be displayed</u>

            <u>on a display device</u><s>for presentation</s>;

        a presentation buffer coupled to the output port;

        a presentation controller coupled to the presentation buffer and to the

            input interface and having:

            a command handler to process commands and addresses; <s>and</s>

            a data handler to monitor data and to pass at least a part of the

                <u>monitored</u> data to the presentation buffer;

a security violation detector to detect a request by a requestor to

read protected data in the presentation buffer; and

a data protector to prevent providing the protected data to the

requestor.

18.   (Original) The system of claim 17, wherein the data protector is further to purge

the protected data from the presentation buffer upon detection of the request to read

protected data.

19.   (Original) The system of claim 17, wherein the presentation controller is a

graphics controller and the presentation buffer is a frame buffer.

20.   (Original) The system of claim 17, wherein the presentation controller includes a

by-pass mode that does not prevent providing the protected data to the requestor.

21.   (Original) The system of claim 20, wherein the data protector:

is to purge the protected data from the presentation buffer upon detection of the

request to read protected data; and

is to place the presentation controller in the by-pass mode after said purge.

22.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim 17, wherein the data protector is to

deliver data other than the protected data requested.